

DSP Conference

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Recommendations

- Problem: The Army Standardization Program's products and services are not recognized as essential to equipping and sustaining the warfighter.
- Recommendation: Ensure that Army decision-makers are made aware of the good standardization efforts behind the winners of the annual DSP achievement awards.

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- Problem: Currently there's no way to relate all weapon systems and other materiel end items to specific specs and standards.
- Recommendation: Expand the contents of the Weapon System Impact Tool found in the ASSIST.

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- Problem: DSP policy requires that specifications and standards be reviewed and validated every 5 years. Army Preparing Activities state that they are not able to do this and it may not be the right interval for all materiel items.
- Recommendation: DSP either delete or modify the 5-year validation requirement.

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- Problem: Inadequate or overage specs and standards cited in contracts may cause problems, such as submission of ECPs by contractors, that cause delays and increase costs. However, this is not reported to the Preparing Activities.
- Recommendation: The Standardization WG led by AMC RDECOM should develop a means of assessing the affect of overage or inadequate documents on acquisitions.

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- Problem: The Standardization activities cannot reliably forecast all of their standardization workload.
- Recommendation: The RDECOM Standardization WG should develop a business plan to aid in prioritizing the workload and identifying alternative sources of funding for the unfunded requirements.

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- The Standardization Working Group developed an FY06 workload and funding profile for RDECOM's RDECs.

The Way Ahead

- Develop a funding and workload profile for FY07 that includes the entire Army standardization community.
- Leverage the Army's Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) structure to meet funding needs.